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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
Town Officers of Hamilton, Mass.

WITH REPORTS OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
LIBRARIAN OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915.

TOGETHER WITH THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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# LIST OF OFFICERS.

## MODERATOR

C. AUGUSTUS NORWOOD

## TOWN CLERK

SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE

## TREASURER

JOHN L. WOODBURY

## SELECTMEN

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON      ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

## OVERSEERS OF POOR

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman

GEORGE H. GIBNEY      JOHN R. MANN

## BOARD OF HEALTH

JOHN R. MANN, Chairman

GEORGE H. GIBNEY      ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

## ASSESSORS

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

Term expires 1917

SAMUEL G. GOODHUE

Term expires 1918

DANIEL D. STONE

Term expires 1916

TREE WARDEN  
ERLE G. BREWER

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY  
REGINALD C. ROBBINS, Chairman and Treasurer  
Term expires 1918  
FRANCIS C. NORTON  
Term expires 1917  
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER  
Term expires 1916

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman  
Term expires 1916  
C. AUGUSTUS NORWOOD  
Term expires 1917  
MERRILL S. LOVERING  
Term expires 1918

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS  
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman  
Term expires 1917  
FRANCIS C. NORTON  
Term expires 1916  
GEORGE H. GIBNEY  
Term expires 1918

PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman  
Term expires 1916  
FRANCIS C. NORTON  
Term expires 1918  
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON  
Term expires 1917

TAX COLLECTOR  
CHARLES W. APPLETON

CONSTABLES  
ALFRED T. POOLE  
LEROY S. DODGE  
CHARLES H. SMITH

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS  
CHARLES E. WHIPPLE

MOOTH SUPERINTENDENT

ERLE G. BREWER

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

ADDISON B. TOWLE, Chairman	Term expires 1918
SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE	
LESTER M. WHIPPLE	Term expires 1916
JONATHAN LAMSON	Term expires 1917

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

RANDALL E. ADAMS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

ANDREW HARADEN

FIRE ENGINEERS

ERLE G. BREWER, Chief	
GEORGE F. PENDENTER, Clerk	
LESTER M. WHIPPLE	WALTER C. CLIFFORD
FRANK DANE	

POLICE

JOSEPH MERRILL, Chief	
ALFRED T. POOLE	LEROY S. DODGE
CHARLES H. SMITH	

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

GEORGE R. DODGE

KEEPER OF LOCKUP

SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE

## FIELD DRIVERS

FRED BERRY

MERRILL S. LOVERING

FRED P. KILHAM

ERNEST M. BARKER

JONATHAN LAMSON

## POUND KEEPER

GEORGE H. HARADEN

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

FRED BERRY



# ANNUAL REPORTS.

## PAYMENTS.

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

#### LEGISLATURE.

Salary and wages.

Moderator,	\$10 00	
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Other expenses.

{ Water Committee, }	852 50	\$862 50
{ Drilling test wells, }		

#### SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.

Selectmen,	\$614 67	614 67
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Other expenses.

Printing and postage,	23 20	
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Carfare and teams,	10 29	
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All other,	15 25	48 74	\$663 41
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#### AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.

Accounting,	418 30	418 30
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## Other expenses.

Printing and postage, \$39 84

All other, 1 29 \$41 13 \$459 43

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

## Salaries and wages.

Treasurer, 422 19 422 19

## Other expenses.

Printing and postage, 30 85

Surety bond, 50 00

All other, 12 18 93 03 \$515 22

## COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

## Salaries and wages.

Collector, 322 19 322 19

## Other expenses.

Printing and postage, 44 97

Surety bond, 75 00

All other, 87 120 84 \$443 03

## ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

## Salaries and wages.

Assessors, 536 55 536 55

## Other expenses.

Printing and postage, 47 21

Carfare and teams, 56 50

Information on stocks, 171 00

All other, 88 06 362 77 899 32

## OTHER FINANCE OFFICES AND ACCOUNTS.

Certification of notes, \$6 00

## TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT.

## Salaries and wages.

Town Clerk,	\$161 02	
Recording fees,	47 00	\$208 02

## Other expenses.

Printing and postage,	13 50		
Surety bond,	5 00		
All other,	2 75	21 25	\$229 27

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

## Salaries and wages.

Registrars,	\$162 12	
Election officers,	180 00	\$342 12

## Other expenses.

Printing and postage,	24 25		
All other,	70 43	94 68	\$436 80

## TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE.

## Salaries and wages.

Janitor,	\$399 96	\$399 96
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## Other expenses.

Fuel,			
Light,	\$24 81		
Janitor supplies,	8 00		
Repairs,	263 42		
Telephone,	45 00		
Water,	35 00		
Insurance,	361 77		
All other,	126 79	864 79	\$1264 75

## Total for General Government,

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 \$5779 73

## PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

## Salaries and wages.

Chief,	\$996 85	
Patrolmen,	364 60	\$1361 45

## Other expenses.

Team and automobile			
hire,	98 97		
Traffic guides,	24 46		
Printing,	18 56		
Telephone,	35 41		
Meals,	5 81		
All others,	52 63	235 84	\$1597 29

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## Salaries and wages.

Chief,	\$30 45	
Services of men,	192 07	
Janitor,	23 34	245 86

## Horses and care of same.

Team hire,		78 90
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## Equipment and repairs.

Apparatus,	96 97	
Other equipment,	96 56	193 53

## Fuel and Light.

Light,	6 80	
Fuel,	9 00	15 80

## Building maintenance.

Repairs,		159 10
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## Other expenses.

Rent,	\$15 00		
Printing,	14 00		
City of Beverly, (assistance),	150 00		
Town of Ipswich, (assistance),	75 00		
All other,	45 13	\$299 13	\$992 32

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

## Salaries and wages.

Sealer,	50 00
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## Other expenses.

Expressage,	79	50 79
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## FORESTRY.

## Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth.

Superintendent,	\$790 33	
Labor,	2113 32	
Teams,	504 40	
All other	186 48	3594 53

## Tree Warden.

Salaries and wages,	211 25		
All other,	73 89	285 14	\$3879 67

Total for protection of life and property,			<u>\$6520 07</u>
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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

## General administration.

Board of Health, sal- aries,	103 84
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Board of Health, other		
expenses,	\$33 35	\$137 19
Quarantine and contagious		
diseases.		
Medical attendance,		75 51
Vital statistics,		10 50
Other expenses.		
Fumigation,	24 65	
All other,	17 50	42 15
Inspection.		
School children,	206 00	
Animals and meat,	20 47	226 47
Sanitation.		
Care of dumps,		25 00
Total for health and sanitation,		<u>\$516 82</u>

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

General highway expenditures.		
Labor and teams,	\$5246 47	
Gravel, stone, etc.,	561 80	
Equipment and repairs,	63 62	
All others,	160 16	6032 05
Sidewalk maintenance.		
Labor and teams,	766 97	
Materials,	165 40	
All other,	42 61	974 98
Sidewalk construction.		
Labor and teams,	100 00	
Survey,	25 00	125 00
Snow and ice removal.		
Labor and teams,	686 01	

All others,	\$99 93	\$785 94
Street lighting.		
Contract,		4828 99
Road roller.		
Labor,	809 73	
Fuel,	102 42	
All others,	48 73	960 88
Oiling roads.		
Labor and teams,	1897 39	
Materials,	595 60	2492 99
Norman fund,		142 91
State highway tax,		483 49

## HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Park street.		
Labor and teams,	208 27	
Other expenses,	26 42	234 69
Union street.		
Labor and teams,	489 81	
Other expenses,	69 20	559 01
Railroad Avenue.		
Sand,		198 72
Linden Street.		
Labor and teams,	550 16	
Other expenses,	46 00	596 16
Gardner Street.		
Labor and teams,	1803 26	
Other expenses,	194 90	1998 16
Total for highways and bridges,		\$20,413 97

## CHARITIES.

## POOR DEPARTMENT.

## General administration.

Overseers salaries,	\$103 82	
Other expenses,	24 49	\$128 31

## Outside relief by town.

## Groceries and provis-

ions,	929 93	
Coal and wood,	168 53	
Board and care,	937 81	
Medical attendance,	168 76	
Rent,	357 00	
All other,	540 32	3102 35

## Relief by other cities and towns,

By cities,	145 60
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## Mothers aid,

By towns,	453 00
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## Total for charities,

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 \$3829 26

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

## State Aid.

Cash,	\$524 00
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## Soldiers' relief.

Cash,	\$336 00	
Fuel,	32 75	
Medical attendance,	213 83	582 58

## Total for Soldiers' benefits,

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 \$1106 58



## EDUCATION.

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

## General expenses.

Superintendent,	\$400 00	
Secretary,	50 00	
Truant officer,	18 19	\$468 19
Printing and postage,	17 14	
Telephone,	71 69	
School census,	75 00	
School committee		
expense,	314 13	
All other,	6 78	484 74

## Teachers salaries.

High school,	3371 82	
Elementary schools,	6553 85	9925 67

## Text books and supplies.

## Text books.

High school,	437 36	
Elementary schools,	662 67	1100 03

## Supplies.

High school,	145 58	
Elementary schools,	286 01	431 59

Transportation,	719 00
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## Janitors services.

High school,	219 10	
Elementary schools,	530 90	750 00

## Fuel and light.

## Fuel.

High school,	124 28	
Elementary schools,	463 03	

Freight on coal,	\$86 50	\$673 81
Light.		
High school,	44 32	
Elementary schools,	32 78	77 10
Maintenance of buildings.		
Repairs,	761 60	
Janitors supplies,	56 09	
Water,	340 43	
All other,	65 71	1223 83
Other expenses,		57 36
Total for schools,		<u>\$15,911 32</u>

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Salaries and wages.		
Librarian,		\$215 35
Books and periodicals,		184 16
Other expenses.		
Printing,	18 00	
Expressage,	25	
Branch library,	183 80	
Box rent,	70	202 75
Total for library,		<u>\$602 26</u>
Total for education,		<u>\$16,513 58</u>

## RECREATION.

Park.		
Labor,		16 96
All other,		5 15
Total for recreation,		<u>\$22 11</u>

## UNCLASSIFIED.

Memorial day,	\$17 69	
Care of town clock,	116 51	
Printing town reports,	170 75	
Town by-laws,	4 60	
Audit of accounts,	615 16	
Total for unclassified,		\$924 71

## CEMETERIES.

Salaries and wages.		
Commissioners,	45 00	
Labor,	183 00	228 00
Other expenses.		
Driving wells,	40 00	
All other,	61 86	101 86
Total for cemeteries,		\$329 86

## TOWN SCALES.

Rebuilding scales,	\$476 11
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## INTEREST.

Anticipation of revenue,	815 44	
Deferred State tax,	5 14	
Town Hall bonds,	100 00	
School bonds,	254 80	
Total for interest,		\$1175 38

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Anticipation of revenue	
loans,	\$20,000 00

Town Hall bonds,	\$1000 00	
School bonds,	980 00	
Total for municipal indebtedness,		\$21,980 00

### AGENCY AND TRUST.

#### Agency.

State tax,	\$12,480 00	
County tax,	9130 43	
Liquor licenses for		
State,	450 50	
		\$22,060 93

#### Trust.

Perpetual care fund,		350 00
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### REFUNDS.

Corporation tax,	\$137 60	
Selectmen acct. salaries,	48 13	
Accountant	" 189 75	
Collector	" 77 81	
Assessors	" 84 20	
Town clerk	" 38 90	
Police,	1 80	
Highway,	4 95	
Poor,	9 00	
		\$592 14

### BALANCES.

#### Cash.

General,	\$28,909 93	
Allen library fund,	41	
Dodge library fund.	49 52	
Total cash,		\$28,959 86
Total payments,		\$131,551 11

## RECEIPTS.

### TAXES.

Current year.			
Poll,	\$694	00	
Personal,	33,055	32	
Real estate,	25,926	41	59,675 73
Previous years.			
Poll,	122	00	
Personal,	512	89	
Real estate,	4227	90	4862 79
From State.			
Corporation,	7836	29	
Street Railway,	1139	63	
National Bank,	1272	72	10,248 64
			\$74,787 16

### LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Licenses.		
Liquor,	\$1351	50
Pool,	2	00
Auctioneer,	1	00
		\$1354 50

### FINES AND FORFEITS.

Fines.		
Court,	\$10	00
		\$10 00

## GRANTS AND GIFTS.

From County.

Dog licenses,	\$253 74	\$253 74
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## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

For expenses.

Moth,	1104 79	\$1104 79
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## PRIVILEGES.

Public service.

Excise tax,	\$1100 77	1100 77
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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Hall,

Rent,	\$37 00	
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Telephone,	1 70	38 70
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## PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Forestry.

Gypsy Moth, from

State,	\$80 66	
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Tree Warden,	5 00	85 66
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Inspection.

Sealer's fees,	19 84	19 84	105 50
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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Sale of materials,	\$54 00	
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Use of roller,	206 85	\$260 85
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## CHARITIES.

From cities and towns,	\$507 52	
State,	82 98	\$590 50

## SOLDIERS' BENEFIT.

State aid,	\$600 00	\$600 00
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## EDUCATION.

School department.		
Other tuition,	\$68 00	
Sale of car tickets, etc.,	19 96	87 96
Library department.		
Fines,	8 56	
Telephone,	1 35	9 91
		\$97 87

## CEMETERIES.

Sale of lot,	\$111 00	
Care of lot,	69 00	\$180 00

## INTEREST.

On deposit,	\$222 89	
On taxes,	345 40	
On Allen fund,	20 00	
On Dodge fund,	45 00	\$633 29

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loans,	\$35,000 00	\$35,000 00
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## AGENCY AND TRUST.

## Agency.

State and County taxes, are  
included in general tax  
receipts.

Liquor licenses for

State,	\$450 50	\$450 50
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## Trust.

Perpetual care funds,	350 00	350 00
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## REFUNDS.

Corporation tax,	\$137 60	
Selectmen, acct. salaries,	48 13	
Accountant, " "	189 75	
Collector, " "	77 81	
Assessors', " "	84 20	
Town Clerk, " "	38 90	
Police,	1 80	
Highway,	4 95	
Poor,	9 00	\$592 14

## BALANCES.

## Cash.

General,	\$13,986 77	
Allen library fund,	41	
Dodge library fund,	53 62	\$14,040 80

Total receipts,		\$131,551 11
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# TOWN OF HAMILTON—BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31, 1915.

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS.

ASSET ACCOUNTS.		LIABILITY ACCOUNTS	
Cash (in banks and office)	.	Overlay 1915	.
Taxes 1911	\$ 262 80	Revenue Loans	.
1912	337 50	Appropriation balances	.
1913	675 10	Water Committee	\$542 26
1914	1909 27	Willow Street	200 00
1915	17,460 45	Reserve Fund	273 89
Moth Assessments		Norman Fund	1,016 15
1911	\$ 1 61	H. A. Dodge Fund income	111 14
1912	8 16	Justin Allen Fund income	49 52
1913	36 01	Surplus	41
1914	87 71		24,890 20
1915	154 93		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts			
State Board of Charity	\$ 27 50		
State Aid	577 00		
Town of Rowley			
Overdrawn Appropriations			
Abatements 1914	582 81		
Sealer W. and M.	79		
Poor	334 09		
	917 69		
	\$51,444 48		\$51,444 48

TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Cash and Securities	\$5,995 42	Perpetual Care Fund	\$4,458 55
		H. A. Dodge Fund	1,036 87
		Justin Allen Fund	500 00
	\$5,995 42		\$5,995 42

### DEBT ACCOUNTS.

Net bonded debt	\$7,880 00	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,880 00
									<u>2,000 00</u>
									\$7,880 00

# Statement of Trust Funds.

## PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

Savings bank deposits beginning of year,	\$3940 99
Savings bank deposits at end of year,	4458 55

### RECEIPTS.

### PAYMENTS.

Deposits for Care,	\$350 00	Care of lots,	\$ 69 00
Interest,	236 56	Deposited in bank,	517 56
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	\$586 56		\$586 56

NAME OF FUND.	BALANCE JAN. 1, 1915	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE DEC. 31, 1915
D. S. Allen	\$407 13	\$24 90	\$7 00	\$425 03
Choate Burnham	180 24	11 00	5 00	186 24
George T. Haynes	109 24	6 66	3 00	112 90
Jacob Kinsman	102 28	6 24	2 00	106 52
H. Augusta Dodge	232 76	14 22	3 00	243 98
Daniel E. Safford	109 02	6 66	2 00	113 68
L. D. Whipple	108 04	6 60	2 00	112 64
Amos Burnham	106 74	6 50	2 00	111 24
Elizabeth A. Brown	104 42	6 36	2 00	108 78
M. K. Abbott	214 52	13 10	5 00	222 62
Luther Dane	104 56	6 36	2 00	108 92
Daniel Roberts	101 24	6 18	4 00	103 42
Joseph I. Dodge	101 28	6 18	2 00	105 46
Ellen A. Bean	102 08	6 24	2 00	106 32
Albert R. Allen	100 02	6 12	3 00	103 14
Ayers Fund	151 54	9 24	2 00	158 78
W. E. Townsend	100 00	6 12	3 00	103 12
Dr. Justin Allen	100 00	6 12	3 00	103 12
J. K. Davenport	100 00	4 04	2 00	102 04
William H. Gleason	100 00	4 04	3 00	102 04
Hannah M. Whipple	100 00	4 04	4 00	100 04
Frances Dane	1105 88	67 64	7 00	1166 52
Horace E. Andrews		101 00		101 00
Charles A. Peterson		101 00		101 00
Howard R. Fillebrown		50 00		50 00
N. B. Butler		100 00		100 00
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	\$3940 99	\$586 56	\$69 00	\$4458 55

### JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND (EXHIBIT).

Savings bank deposits at beginning of year, . . .	\$500 00
Savings bank deposits at end of year, . . . . .	500 00

#### RECEIPTS.

Interest, . . . .	\$20 00
Cash to begin, . .	41
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	\$20 41

#### PAYMENTS.

Books, . . . .	\$20 00
Cash at end, . .	41
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	\$20 41

### H. A. DODGE LIBRARY FUND (EXHIBIT).

United Fruit Co. bond, (par value), . . . .	\$1000 00
Deposit in Merchants National Bank, . . . .	36 87
Total cash and securities belonging to the principal of the fund at the beginning and end of the year, . . . . .	<hr/> \$1036 87

#### RECEIPTS.

Interest, . . . .	\$45 00
Cash to begin, . .	53 62
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	\$98 62

#### PAYMENTS.

Books, . . . .	\$49 10
Cash at end, . .	49 52
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	\$98 62

## Assessors' Report.

### APRIL ASSESSMENT.

Value of buildings,	\$1,740,125 00	
Value of land,	1,077,220 00	
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Value of real estate,		\$2,817,345 00
Value of personal estate,		3,239,195 00
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Total valuation,		\$6,056,540 00
Tax on real estate,	\$32,117 65	
Tax on personal estate,	36,926 76	
Tax on polls,	1,034 00	
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Total tax,		\$70,078 41
Gypsy moth assessment,		\$1,009 17
Rate per \$1,000,		11 40
Number of horses,		305
Number of cows,		238
Number of neat cattle other than cows,		58
Number of sheep,		17
Number of swine,		164
Number of fowl,		1484
Number of dwellings,		834
Number of acres of land,		8359
Number of residents assessed on property		335
All others,		57
Number of non-residents assessed on property,		211

All others,	47
Number of polls only,	289
Number of polls assessed,	517
Number of persons assessed,	939

## DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Value of buildings,	\$1150 00	
Value of land,	1450 00	
Value of real estate,		\$2600 00
Value of personal estate,		633,000 00
Total valuation,		\$635,600 00

Tax on real estate,	\$29 64	
Tax on personal estate,	7216 20	
Tax on polls,	8 00	
Special sidewalk tax,	132 70	
Total tax.		\$7386 54

## Appropriated for

General town purposes,	\$60,425 00
State tax,	12,480 00
State audit,	615 16
State highway,	483 49
County tax,	9130 48
Overlay,	745 83
	\$83,879 91

Less estimated revenue,	\$13,801 50	
Less polls,	1034 00	\$14,835 50

Amount to be raised by tax levy,	\$69,044 41
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Total valuation,	\$6,056,540 00
Rate per \$1000,	11 40
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	2,422 6160000
	6,056 54000
	60,565 4000
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	\$69,044 55

Discrepancy of 14 cents due to fractional losses in calculating individual tax bills.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman,  
SAMUEL G. GOODHUE,  
DANIEL D. STONE.

*Assessors.*

## Police Department.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.*

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit my annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Whole number of arrests during the year, 17; divided as follows:

Males,	16	Residents,	13
Females,	1	Non-Residents,	4
Native born,	12	Adults,	13
Foreign born,	5	Minors,	4

## RECAPITULATION.

Crimes against the person,	2
Crimes against property,	5
Crimes against good order,	10
Persons committed to station,	4
Persons arrested on warrants,	13

## AGGREGATE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.

Concord reformatory, indefinite period,	2
Lancaster school for girls, indefinite period,	1
Salem jail,	2

## OFFENCES.

Arson,	1
Assault,	2
Breaking and entering,	2
Capias,	2
Drunkenness,	1
Evading carfare,	2
Lewdness,	1
Neglect of family,	4
Neglect of children,	1
Violation of liquor law,	1

## DISPOSITION.

Appealed,	1
Continued cases,	1
Discharged,	2
Placed on file,	1
Probated,	5
Revised,	1



Reformatory, Concord,	2
Released,	1
Salem jail,	2
State Industrial school,	1

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Broken wires reported,	1
Buildings found open,	17
Complaints received, about,	75
Cases investigated,	70
Cruelty to animals,	2
Defective sidewalks,	1
Disturbances,	2
Dogs killed,	1
Fires extinguished,	3
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town,	17
Juveniles before the Court,	4
Lights furnished for dangerous places,	2
Lights extinguished in buildings,	5
Liquor seizures,	1
Liquor seized, whiskey, pints,	49
Lost children restored,	2
Nuisances abated,	2
Notices sent out,	115
Officers attendance at Court,	39
Property reported stolen,	\$127.50
Property recovered and found,	\$117.50
Postal cards and circulars received,	69
Postal cards sent out,	37
Police assisting out of town officers,	15
Police assistance from out of town officers,	18

Report to Prison Commissioners,	1
Street lights reported out,	14
Search warrants for liquor,	1
State Hospital at Danvers, committed,	2

## OFFICERS ATTENDANCE AT COURT.

Merrill,	37
Pool,	2
Smith,	0
Dodge,	0

## ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS.

Merrill,	16
Poole,	0
Smith,	1
Dodge,	0

## COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED BY OFFICERS.

Merrill,	59
Poole,	6
Smith,	3
Dodge	2

## OFFICERS HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED. AMOUNT.

Poole,	133	\$53 20
Smith,	621	248 40
Dodge,	89½	35 80

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

5 Police coats,	\$50 00
5 Police helmets,	12 50
5 Police badges,	5 00
5 Police billeys,	5 00

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5 Pairs handcuffs,	15 00
5 Flashlights,	7 50
1 Police record book,	5 00
1 Roll-top desk,	40 00
12 Traffic posts,	18 00
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	\$158 00

Itinerant persons that stroll about from place to place, and have been apprehended by me during the year, have been either arrested or given an opportunity to leave the Town. It should be a duty incumbent upon every citizen, in regard to this class of persons, to notify this department and have them taken care of, thereby protecting the Town from many misdemeanors, and often-times more serious troubles. This department would be very thankful for any information leading to the detection and apprehension of these persons.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Samuel A. F. Whipple, Treasurer John L. Woodbury, Town Auditor Andrew Haraden, Judge George B. Sears of the First District Court of Essex, and all others who have assisted in any way in promoting the welfare of this department, also the members of the police department for their efforts in trying to uphold the welfare and reputation of the Town.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH MERRILL,

*Chief of Police.*

## Report of Park Commissioners.

(Closed December 31, 1915.)

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1915, Frank C. Norton was elected Park Commissioner for three years.

### ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman,	Term expires 1916
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Secretary,	Term expires 1917
FRANK C. NORTON,	Term expires 1918

The care of all trees in Central Park has been placed in charge of the Tree Warden.

A very small amount of money has been expended this year for park purposes.

As it will be necessary this year to raise and appropriate twenty-five dollars for settlement of a legal claim for land damage which has been standing two years, and one hundred dollars is needed for other purposes on the park, the commissioners recommend an appropriation of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For financial account see report of the Town Accountant.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,  
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,  
FRANK C. NORTON,

*Park Commissioners.*

## Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

(Closed December 31, 1915.)

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1915, George H. Gibney was elected Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

### ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman,	Term expires 1917
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Secretary,	Term expires 1918
FRANK C. NORTON,	Term expires 1916
GEORGE E. ROBERTS appointed Superintendent of Cemetery.	

The unoccupied lots in two sections of the new ground that was laid down to grass two years ago, have been re-located with iron stakes at the corners of each lot.

A new pump has been put in at the corner of Main and Pleasant avenues.

The Commissioners recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars for the ordinary expenses that will probably be required for 1916.

See report of Town Accountant for financial matter.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,

FRANK C. NORTON,

*Cemetery Commissioners.*

## Town Clerk's Report.

During the past year there were seven hearings on petitions, as follows : —

Four from the Beverly Gas & Electric Company, three of which were for pole locations and one to attach its lines to existing poles of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Two from the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company to attach its lines to existing poles of the Beverly Gas & Electric Company.

One from the Bay State Street Railway Company for permission to relocate its track and turnout on Essex street near Woodbury's Station, all of which were granted.

### REGISTRATION.

Thirty-three male voters were added to the voting list. Sixteen names were dropped from the list. Three female voters were added to the voting list one being dropped. Total number of male voters, 356. Total number of female voters, 23.

### HUNTERS' LICENSES.

There were one hundred and twenty licenses issued.

### DOG LICENSES.

There were three kennel and two breeders licenses taken. Whole number of male dogs, seventy-nine. Whole number of female dogs, sixteen.

P. S. The number of Dogs in Kennels and Breeders not included above.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED.

- Jan. 1. George I. Dodge of Hamilton,  
Alba C. Maynard of Burlington, Vt.
- Feb. 13. Fred A. Saunders of South Hamilton,  
Mildred A. Hills of South Hamilton.
- Mar. 27. Harry L. Mason of Boston,  
Minnie M. Galeucia of Hamilton.
- Apr. 7. Harrold C. Back of Salem,  
Margaret Early of Ireland.
- May 17. Richard Whitehead of Hamilton,  
Augusta Schrader of Hampstead, L. I.
- May 25. Andrew R. Dunn of South Hamilton,  
Signa K. Peterson of South Hamilton.
- July 5. Walter J. Branchard of South Hamilton,  
Lillian B. Marden of South Hamilton.
- July 17. Frank O'Malley of Hamilton,  
Viola Holland of Ipswich.
- July 24. Grafton W. Minot of Boston,  
Constance Gardner of Hamilton.
- Aug. 4. Lawrence Adams of South Hamilton,  
Madeline F. Holland of Ipswich.
- Sept. 1. Frank H. Tuck of South Hamilton,  
Violet Maude Tree of Salem.
- Sept. 5. Charles W. Appleton of Hamilton,  
Sarah E. Griffin of Hamilton.
- Sept. 14. George Cracknell of Hamilton,  
Katherine Shea of Gloucester.
- Sept. 19. Ernest J. Smith of Ipswich,  
Elizabeth L. Coggins of South Hamilton.
- Oct. 7. George F. Lewis of South Hamilton,  
Elsie A. Roper of Newburyport.

- Oct. 20. Edward S. Vennard of South Hamilton,  
Minnie H. Sangster of Beverly.
- Oct. 27. Leverett W. Woodbury of Hamilton,  
Alice W. Andrews of South Hamilton.
- Nov. 6. Dennis F. Moynihan of South Hamilton,  
Catherine Flaherty of Hyde Park, Boston.
- Nov. 23. Patrick O'Leary of Hamilton,  
Frances B. Murray of Wenham.
- Dec. 7. Allen W. Holmes of Dansville, N. Y.,  
Clara Lillian Merrill of Hamilton.

## BIRTHS RECORDED.

- Jan. 11. Charles Edward, son of Frank Jones and Alice  
(Hill) Jones.
- Jan. 13. Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Fred Tuttle and  
Lulu Grace (Maddocks) Tuttle.
- Jan. 16. Sherman Dexter, son of Harry E. Paige and Ida  
(Wilcomb) Paige.
- Jan. 21. Weronika, daughter of Alexander Charzynski  
and Josephine (Pzyenna) Charzynski.
- Feb. 8. Muriel Gould, daughter of Raymond C. Gould  
and Pauline (Chandler) Gould.
- Mar. 21. Lucy Elizabeth, daughter of Frank Crowell and  
Bertha (Grant) Crowell.
- Mar. 28. Still born, son of Vincenzo Ciani and Annie  
(Terenzi) Ciani.
- Mar. 31. —, son of Tony Wronkowski and Eva  
(Kobiatka) Wronkowski.
- Apr. 15. Mary, daughter of Michael Donlon and Mary  
(McGrail) Donlon.



- Apr. 16. Robert Porter, son of Patrick F. Heaphy and Marion (Cobb) Heaphy.
- Apr. 18. Mabel Louise, daughter of Harry L. Saulnier and Susan A. (Lougee) Saulnier.
- May 10. —, son of Arthur Dale and Alexanderina Dale.
- May 21. Edward, son of Edward Pitman and Carrie (Tuttle) Pitman.
- May 22. Jennie, daughter of Joseph Rochna and Anastasia (Jarsuka) Rochna.
- May 24. Everett Parsons, son of Albert Holland and Laura (Parsons) Holland.
- May 30. Angus Joseph, son of Joseph D. MacDonald and Mary K. (Conlon) MacDonald.
- June 10. Marion Cole, daughter of Henry C. Webb and Marion S. (Jones) Webb.
- July 9. Madeline Phillis, daughter of Walter Gurney and Stella (Taylor) Gurney.
- July 15. Katherine, daughter of Edward Lester McGarry and Annie May (Ryan) McGarry.
- July 19. Alice Margaret, daughter of John A. O'Leary and Lillian A. (McGlaufflin) O'Leary.
- July 29. Francis Williams, son of Francis Williams Sargent, 2d and Margery (Lee) Sargent.
- Aug. 1. John, son of John P. McVey and Katherine F. (Lynch) McVey.
- Aug. 7. Joseph Vincent, son of James Saunders and Mary (Doyle) Saunders.
- Aug. 14. Stromdley, son of Telesforanvi Chludzenska and Helena (Wismewski) Chludzenska.
- Aug. 26. Evelyn Lucy, daughter of Samuel Clews and Mary (Edge) Clews.

- Aug. 27. Virginia, daughter of Rodney H. Adams and Eloise (Pitcher) Adams.
- Sept. 21. Grace Campbell, daughter of Paul Merrill and Rachel H. (Parker) Merrill.
- Sept. 27. Edward Skeffington, son of Erle G. Brewer and Marion (Cotesworth) Brewer.
- Nov. 16. Gladys Gwendoline, daughter of Thomas A. Poole and Lilian B. (Collins) Poole.
- Nov. 24. Mary Agnes, daughter of Harold Back and Margaret (Eardsley) Back.
- Dec. 9. Margaret Nina, daughter of Wentworth Peterson and Mary Alice (Neville) Peterson.
- Dec. 24. ———, son of Leo C. White and Clara Ellen (Curtis) White.
- Dec. 30. Arthur Clayton, Jr., son of Arthur C. Kirby and Mary (Wilkinson) Kirby.

## DEATHS RECORDED.

			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	3.	George C. Ryerson,	75		
Jan.	19.	Sarah E. Lovering,	78	8	18
Feb.	16.	Mary Varrell,	51		
April	13.	Elsie Marion Peterson,	26	1	2
May	27.	John T. Gentlee,	46	8	
June	20.	Charles H. Chase,	67	7	24
July	11.	Caleb Jerome Norwood,	75	10	26
July	17.	Allan McDonald,	33	1	15
Aug.	28.	Edmond M. Cobb,	69	2	8
Sept.	2.	Caroline J. Putnam,	66	10	
Sept.	4.	George E. Littlefield,	71		6
Sept.	10.	James Burrows,	6	5	28

Sept. 24.	Elizabeth S. Webber,	79	11	18
Oct. 12.	Nellie A. Ramsdell,	24	9	10
Oct. 30.	Gladys E. Smerage,	14	4	17

## BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
April 16.	Betty Harriet Neilson Williams,	1	11	1
May 2.	George H. Dodge,	1	11	11
July 12.	Charles A. Williams,	41	9	21
Aug. 2.	Aretas D. Wallace,	72	8	
Aug. 14.	Lucretia B. Foster,	83		
Aug. 26.	Laura S. Patch,	81	8	26
Dec. 27.	Ella V. Trow,	58	8	7

SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE,

*Town Clerk.*

## Public Library Report.

In submitting my annual report for the Hamilton Public Library, I can certainly report a year of progress.

It may be interesting to some to know how well the Library is patronized. During the past year we have issued more volumes than the previous year, the largest number being during the month of July. That month the circulation, for the two days on which the Library is open, averaged ninety books each day. The month in which we issued the fewest books was November, averaging then only forty books each day.

We have arranged on the shelves in the rear of the Library, some two hundred volumes of non-fiction which do not appear in our finding-list or card catalogue. These have been presented to us at different times, and while many of them are too ancient to be of much value, possibly among them there are some which would be interesting to some of the patrons of the Library should they care to look them over.

Last year, Miss Alice Dodge presented to the Library a beautiful bust of Henry W. Longfellow which has been placed on a shelf in the reading-room and which adds much to its attractiveness. We extend many thanks to her for the gift.

The interest in the magazines still holds good and they are eagerly sought for as soon as available. During the year, many of the High School pupils spent much time searching the magazines for "war topics" connected with their school work.

We have had three sets of pictures loaned us by the Woman's Educational Association, one especially interesting to the children being "Illustrated Fairy Tales." At present, a set of pictures on "Rome" is on exhibition in the reading room.

We wish to thank all who have kindly contributed books or magazines to the Library.

GRACE C. STONE,

*Librarian.*

Appended may be found a list of books added to the Library the past year.

Anderson, Ada W.	
The Rim of the Desert.	F2845
Antin, Mary	
The Promised Land	B. A. 13
Allen, Capt., Quincy	
The Outdoor Chums	F2815
The Outdoor Chums in the Forest	2816
The Outdoor Chums on the Gulf	2817
The Outdoor Chums after Big Game	2818
The Outdoor Chums on a House-boat.	2819
Appleton, Victor	
Tom Swift and his Electric Runabout	F2861
Tom Swift and his Sky Racer	F2862
Tom Swift and his Grant Cannon	F2863
Bacon, Josephine D.	
Open Market	F2890
Barbour, Ralph W.	
Left Tackle Thayer	F2922
The Secret Play	F2923
Barley, Temple	
Contrary Mary	F2847
Bassett, Sara W.	
The Taming of Zenas Henry	F2865
Beach, Rex	
Heart of the Sunset	F2915
Benedict, Arnold	
Your United States	917.3B1
Benning, Howe	
Miss Charity's House	F2820

Bindloss, Harold	
Winston of the Prairie	F2854
Bjorkman, Francis	
Woman Suffrage	324.3B
Blackmore, R. D.	
Lorna Doone	F2836
Carleton, William	
The Red Geranium	F2896
New Lives for Old	814.C2
Chapman, Allen	
Fred Fenton, the Pitcher	F2889
Fred Fenton in the Line	F2912
Fred Fenton on the Track	F2913
Fred Fenton on the Crew	F2893
Ralph of the Round House	F2907
Churchill, Winston	
A Far Country	F2866
Comstock, Harriet T.	
Janet of the Dunes	F2899
Corelli, Marie	
Innocent	F2796
Cowles, Julia D.	
Our Little Athenian Cousin of Long Ago	F2829
Our Little Roman Cousin of Long Ago	F2830
Crane, Laura D.	
The Automobile Girls at Palm Beach	F2881
Curwood, James O.	
The Danger Trail	F2895
Davis, Richard H.	
With the Allies	940.9D
De Forest, Jean L.	
Molly	F2877

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Dell, Ethel M.	
The Knave of Diamonds	F2931
Dixon, Thomas	
The Foolish Virgin	F2928
Dowd, Emma C.	
Doodles—the Sunshine Boy	F2879
Eaton, Walter P.	
Boy Scouts of the Wildcat Patrol	F2942
Emerson, Alice B.	
Ruth Fielding and the Gypsies	F2875
Ruth Fielding at Sunrise Farm	F2876
Emerson, Walter G.	
The Treasure of Hidden Valley	F2911
Erskeme, Payne	
A Girl of the Blue Ridge	F2852
Farnol, Jaffery	
Beltane the Smith	F2903
Ferris, Elmer E.	
The Business Adventure of Billy Thomas	F2880
Finley, Roger T.	
The Wonder Island Boys	F2917
Flower, Jesse G.	
Grace Harlowe's First Year at Overton College	F2791
Grace Harlowe's Second Year at Overton College	F2792
Grace Harlowe's Third Year at Overton College	F2793
Grace Harlowe's Fourth Year at Overton College	F2794
Forbes, Graham B.	
The Boys of Columbia High	F2833

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The Boys of Columbia High on the Diamond	F2834
The Boys of Columbia High on the Grid-iron	F2837
The Boys of Columbia High on the Ice	F2838
The Boys of Columbia High in Track Athletics	F2839
The Boys of Columbia on the River	F2850
French, Allen,	
The Runaway	F2808
Froissant, Sir John	
The Boy's Froissant	940.4F
Garis, Howard R.	
Dick Hamilton's Fortune	F2797
Dick Hamilton's Cadet Days	F2798
Dick Hamilton's Steam Yacht	F2799
Dick Hamilton's Foot-ball Team	F2800
Dick Hamilton's Touring Car	F2801
Dick Hamilton's Air Ship	F2802
George, W. L.	
The Second Blooming	F2898
Gordon, Harry	
On the Columbia	2932
Gray, Phœbe	
Little Sir Galahad	F2842
Gray, Jane	
The Heritage of the Desert	F2812
Desert Gold	F2835
The Rainbow Trail	F2935
Green, Anna K.	
The Forsaken Inn	F2872



Hall, Gertrude C.	
The Nowadays' Girls in the Adirondacks	F2937
Harris, Joel Chandler	
Nights with Uncle Remus	F2849
Uncle Remus	F2853
Harrison, Henry S.	
Angela's Business	F2908
Holland, Annie J.	
Taletha Cumi	F2806
Hope, Laura Lee	
The Bobbsey Twins	F2831
The Bobbsey Twins in the Country	F2855
The Bobbsey Twins at the Seashore	F2856
The Bobbsey Twins at School	F2857
The Bobbsey Twins at Snow Lodge	F2858
The Bobbsey Twins on the Houseboat	F2859
The Bobbsey Twins at Meadow Brook	F2860
Ingram, Eleanor	
In the Car Behind	F2822
Jackson, Gabrielle E.	
Three Little Women	F2824
Three Little Women's Success	F2825
Three Little Women as Wives	F2826
Johnson, Mary	
The Fortunes of Garin	F2938
Jones, Doris E.	
Time O' Day	F2888
Kay, Ross	
The Search for the Spy	F2918
Knibbs, Henry H.	
Lost Farm Camp	F2871
Sundown Slim	F2919

Lee, Jannette	
Aunt Jane	F2924
The Woman in the Alcove	F2810
Lincoln, Joseph	
Thankful's Inheritance	F2887
Lippman, Julia M.	
Burkeses, Amy	F2939
Locke, William J.	
Jaffery	F2894
Long, Helen B.	
Janice Day	F2841
The Testing of Janice Day	F2943
London, Jack	
The Sea Wolf	F2892
Lutz, Grace	
Miranda	F2900
The Obsessions of Virginia Gracen	F2909
Malory, Sir Thomas	
The Boy's King Arthur	929.7M
Maniates, Belle K.	
Amarilly of Clothes Line Alley	F2843
Marlowe, Amy B.	
The Girls of Hillcrest Farm	F2867
Frances of the Ranges	F2910
McCall, Sidney	
The Stirrup Latch	F2936
McClung, Nellie L.	
Sowing Seeds in Danny	F2873
The Second Chance	F2884
McCutcheon, George B.	
Black is White	F2789

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Meade, L. T.	
The Manor House	F2840
Montgomery, L. M.	
The Golden Road	F2848
Anne of the Island	F2886
Morris, Gouverneur	
The Seven Darlings	F2930
Nicholson, Meredith	
A Hoosier Chronicle	F2795
Oppenheim, E. P.	
Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo	F2901
Orczy, Baroness	
The Bronze Eagle	F2941
Otis, James	
The Boy Spies at Yorktown	F2869
The Boy Spies at the Battle of Bunker Hill	F2870
Packard, Winthrop	
Wild Pastures	917.4P
Palmer, Frederick	
Over the Pass	F2804
Parker, Gilbert	
The Money Master	F2904
Perry, Stella G. S.	
The Kind Adventure	F2809
Porter, Eleanor H.	
Pollyanna Grows Up	F2846
Porter, Gene Stratton	
Michael O'Holloran	F2916
Porter, Horace	
Young Aeroplane Scouts in France and Belgium	F2925

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Powell, E. Alexander	
Fighting in Flanders	
Rice, Alice H.	
The Honorable Percival	F2821
Rinehart, Mary	
King's, Queens and Pawns	940.9R
Roe, Vingie E.	
The Heart of the Night Wind	F2805
Rouse, Adelaide L.	
Helen Beaton	F2883
Roy, Lillian E.	
The Blue Birds of Happy Times Nest	F2832
Sage, William	
A Maid of Old Virginia	F2914
Scott, John Reed	
The Princess Dehra	F2790
Sidney, Margaret	
Our Town	F2807
Smith, F. Hopkinson,	
Felix O'Day	F2905
Smith, Harriet L.	
Peggy Raymond's Vacation	F2934
Speed, Nell	
Molly Brown's Orchard Home	F2885
Stewart, Elinore P.	
Letters of a Woman Homesteader	808.6S
Theiss, Louis and Mary	
His Big Brother	F2920
Tompkins, Juliet W.	
Diantha	F2878
Townsend, Charles W.	
Sand Dunes and Salt Marshes	508T

Twain, Mark	
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	F2844
Usher, Roland G.	
Pan-Germanism	940.9W
Vandercook, Margaret	
The Camp Fire Girls Amid the Snow	F2786
The Camp Fire Girls in the Outside World	F2787
The Camp Fire Girls Across the Sea	F2788
The Camp Fire Girls at Sunrise Hill	F2803
Van Vorst, Marie	
Big Tremaine	F2891
Mary Moreland	F2874
Wade, Mary H.	
Our Little Porto Rican Cousin	F2827
Weir, Hugh C.	
The Young Wheat Scout	F2912
Wells, Carolyn	
Two Little Women	F2926
Westcott, F. N.	
Hepsy Burke	F2851
White, Stewart E.	
The Call of the North	F2902
The Gray Dawn	F2940
Williamson, C. N. & A. M.	
The Guest of Hercules	F2785
A Soldier of Legion	F2811
Willsie, Honore	
Still Jim	F2868
Wilson, Harry L.	
Ruggles of Red Gap	F2882
Winslow, Clara V.	
Our Little Servian Cousin	F2828

Wood, Eric F.

The Note-Book of an Attaché

920.01W

Wright, Harold B.

The Eyes of the World

F2784

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### Report of the Branch Library—South Hamilton.

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During the past year about fifty (50) new names have been added to the list of readers.

There has been forwarded to the chairman of the library committee eight dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$8.58) all of which was received from book fines.

The library is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from two until eight o'clock.

During the past year an average of thirty-nine (39) books a day have been issued.

The call for non-fiction books is not nearly as great as for fiction. However there are always a few non-fiction books here, should any one care to read them.

There is always a great demand for new and up-to-date books which, no doubt, will be supplied as far as the library committee is able to do so.

OSGOOD J. KIMBALL.

## Report of the Committee on Fire Apparatus.

South Hamilton, Mass., Feb. 7, 1916.

After last year's experience, and knowing the sentiment of the people and about what amount the Town feels able to appropriate, the Committee on Fire Apparatus would recommend the appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) to purchase a two-tank chemical Ford LaFrance.

The truck fairly equipped costs twelve hundred and fifty dollars (\$1250). The trailer, which is very essential for carrying extinguishers, brooms, pails, etc., costs one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), thus making the actual cost of the machine, fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400), and leaving one hundred dollars (\$100) for extras, such as:

Speedometer, . . . . .	\$12 00
Demountable Rimmed Wheels, . . . .	25 00
Standard Weed Chains . . . . .	5 30
30 x 3½ Wheels and Pneumatic Tires on front, .	20 00
Acetylene Searchlight and Presto Tank, . . .	35 00
Nickel Trimmings, . . . . .	15 00

We have the promise of one gong, fifty feet of extra chemical hose and the truck landed here with no extra charge, which means a saving of about fifty dollars (\$50).

These cars have been designed to provide the smaller communities with the advantages of motor driven apparatus

which heretofore only the larger cities have enjoyed. No village, town or city can afford to be without adequate fire protection and the Ford Fire Cars make it possible for the smaller communities to enjoy real protection.

We are sure you will recognize the merits of American-LaFrance apparatus mounted on Ford chassis and that you will urge your fellow citizens to earnestly consider the purchase of such a car to make OUR COMMUNITY a safer place in which to live and do business.

We trust the Engineers will find a proper place to house this machine, as the Committee would not feel like recommending to the Town to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) unless it was to be housed in a suitable place with the proper care, all of which is very essential in making the service complete.

We find that towns which are using this outfit are more than pleased with it, since it cannot be equalled for the money expended.

Four words describe the fire kit in a nutshell :

*Inexpensive,*

*Durable,*

*Efficient,*

*Economical.*

Signed by Committee :

OSGOOD J. KIMBALL, Chairman,

GEORGE CHECKETTS,

HENRY N. HUDSON.



## Report of the Committee on Water Supply.

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
of the Town of Hamilton, Mass.*

Gentlemen:—The committee which was appointed by the Town to look into and study plans to supply the Town with water respectfully submit the following.

The early work of the committee was spent in trying different methods to ascertain, if possible, if the voters and real estate owners really wanted water, and it was considerable time before we could form any definite opinion, and during this time your committee engaged the services of Messrs. Metcalf & Eddy, a very reliable firm of Boston engineers to assist us in the possibilities of the problem, they made a report, and it was laid before the Town. Later there seemed to be an awakening by those interested in the Town for a supply of water, some fires had occurred, and it was the general opinion that water was really needed, and must be had. Your committee looked about for a capable and competent engineer to lay out the work, and decided upon Mr. R. C. Allen of Manchester, he immediately began laying out plans and making surveys, examining every part of the Town where water was likely to be found, and finally decided the Miles River Basin was the location that contained the best supply. Thereupon wells were driven and as far as

possible an exhaustive examination made, with the result that Mr. Allen's report, full and comprehensive, has been printed and laid before the voters and real estate owners of the Town for their study and approval, or otherwise. Besides an independent supply which your committee was instructed to obtain, Mr. Allen has given basis and comparative figures for a possible supply from Salem through the Salem and Beverly Water Committee.

It is almost impossible for your committee to recommend to the Town either sources of supply, as both have their objections and advantages, and further work and investigation must be done in either case.

Your committee have held eighteen meetings in all, and with one or two exceptions, the full number have been present every time a meeting was called.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. R. C. Allen for his interest taken in the matter, and for the great amount of work which he has accomplished with the appropriations furnished. We sincerely urge a study of his report, plans, and figures.

Committee on Water Supply,

EUGENE L. WILDES. Chairman,

W. C. WARE. Secretary,

F. P. TRUSSELL,

W. E. TOWNSEND,

J. R. MANN.

## Report of Board of Fire Engineers.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.*

Gentlemen:—We wish to submit the first annual report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1915.

On April 6, 1915, the town voted to establish a Fire Department. On May 4th the newly established Board of Engineers held their first meeting. Before a company was formed it was necessary to draw a set of by-laws to govern the department. The following by-laws were adopted:

### REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

ARTICLE I. The Officers of the Department shall consist of a Chief Engineer and four Assistants, one of whom shall be elected Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at the first annual meeting of the Board, which officers shall be styled the Board of Engineers. The Chief Engineer shall have command of the Fire Department at fires, and in his absence one of the Assistants shall take command.

ART. II. A meeting of the Board of Engineers shall be held on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 8 o'clock. The Chief Engineer shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his absence one of the assistants shall preside.

ART. III. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to notify the Board of Engineers of all monthly meetings, and of Special Meetings at the request of the Chief Engineer or any two members of the Board, and to keep a record of all meetings and fires and all bills approved by said Board of Engineers.

ART. IV. All persons serving as firemen shall be severally approved by said Board of Engineers, and such as are approved shall be furnished with a certificate assigning them to their Companies, which certificate shall be signed by the Chief Engineer and countersigned by the Clerk. Each Company shall draw up a code of By-Laws for the government of the Company and a copy of the same shall be sent before the Board of Engineers for approval at either the May or June meeting of the Engineers. When any person is voted into a Company to fill a vacancy it shall be the duty of the Clerk of that Company to immediately notify the Engineers of the same for their approval.

ART. V. There shall be attached to the several Fire Companies such Engineers as may be selected to assist in getting to the fire, and to superintend the several duties attached to the same.

ART. VI. The Captain of each Company will remain by his Company or at the apparatus of which he has charge, and preserve order and direct their operations. The utmost order, silence and decorum will be preserved in going to, working at, and returning from a fire. On arriving at the fire the Captain or person having the Company in charge will report at once to one of the Engineers, and all members of the Department during a fire will remain with the apparatus to

which they are attached and also return with the same, and no member will be allowed to leave the same during the fire.

ART. VII. No apparatus shall be removed from a fire without permission from one of the Engineers.

ART. VIII. The Board of Engineers shall have entire charge of the whole Department which includes all of the Public Pumps, Reservoirs and Cisterns, Hose carriages and Hose, Hooks and Ladders and other apparatus with the several houses, fixtures and appendages.

ART. IX. The duty of the Steward shall consist of caring of the apparatus also buildings and grounds the same to be kept in clean and neat manner, walks and driveways to be kept clear of snow, also the rooms shall be heated and lighted on all meeting nights, for which he shall receive the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

ART. X. The Chief Engineer shall cause prosecutions to be instituted against all persons against whom complaints may be lodged, for disobedience of orders of any Engineer in time of fire, or in going to or returning from fires, and certificates of any member of the Company may be revoked by the Board for disobedience of the Rules and Regulations or the order of any Engineer.

ART. XI. Gambling and all Spirituous Liquors are strictly prohibited from all houses occupied by the Department, and any person found guilty of violating this Article shall be immediately expelled from the Department.

ART. XII. The several Fire Companies shall hold a meeting each month of the year.

While the Department at the present time has only one company, it was thought advisable to have the By-Laws broad enough to include a number, should it be decided to have more at some future time.

The Board of Engineers appointed twenty-eight men as firemen and on May 28th they held their first meeting, electing the following officers:

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.,	Captain
A. MERRILL CUMMINGS,	1st Lieut.
JOHN O'LEARY,	2d Lieut.
C. A. FOSTER,	Clerk
ALVIN PERLY	was appointed Steward

The past year new sills were installed in the engine house and the doors were made wider, putting the engine house in good condition.

We wish to recommend the purchase of the apparatus which the Fire Committee will report on at the Annual Town Meeting.

We recommend the appropriation of \$750 for the maintenance of the Department for the ensuing year.

We feel it our duty to call attention to the lack of an alarm system. This is a very important part of any fire department and we feel one would greatly increase the efficiency of our department.

Number of men in Department,	28
Number of calls since organizing,	7
Average attendance at fires,	10

## FIRES.

Samuel Green, Hamilton Hall, caused by an electric iron, no damage.

Metz Motor Car, on Willow street, caused by back fire, damage unknown.

Frances Appleton, Goodhue street, cause unknown, damage \$100.

Frank Whipple, Bridge street, cause unknown, barn and outbuildings burned to ground, loss \$3000.

Wendell Dodge, off Asbury street, caused by overturning lamp, no damage.

Myopia Hunt Club, off Main street, caused by chimney sparks on roof, no damage.

S. C. Gould, Union street, J. M. Low tenant, chimney fire, no damage.

Respectfully submitted,

ERLE G. BREWER,

GEORGE F. PENDEXTER,

WALTER C. CLIFFORD,

LESTER M. WHIPPLE,

FRANK DANE.

*Board of Engineers.*

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Hamilton,*

### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth (14th) day of March, nineteen hundred and sixteen, at six (6) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for

Moderator, for one year.

Town Clerk, for one year.

Three Selectmen, for one year.

Overseers of Poor, Board of Health and Fence

Viewers, three for one year.

Treasurer, for one year.

Tax Collector, for one year.

Tree Warden, for one year.

Three Constables, for one year.

One Assessor, for three years.



One Library Trustee, for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.

One Park Commissioner, for three years.

One member of School Committee for three years.

One member of School Committee, for one year.

And to vote on the following:

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the coming year? Yes or No.

All on one ballot. The Polls will open at six (6) o'clock and close at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon.

ART. 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town shall determine.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate money for the repairs of Highways, Townways and Bridges and all other Town expenses and determine the manner of expending same.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept Rust street extension as laid out by the Selectmen and make an appropriation for the same as petitioned for by John J. Rhodes and others.

ART. 6. To see what action the Town will take towards grading the sidewalk on the easterly side of Maple street and appropriate a sum of money for same, as petitioned for by Frank C. Back and others.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take towards grading and gravelling Gardner street, beginning at Main street, and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned for by Frank W. Buzzell and others.

ART. 8. To see what action the Town will take towards placing four (4) street lights on Woodbury street, between Bridge street and the Wenham Town line, as petitioned for by Andrew F. Lauzon and others.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take towards an extension of street lights on Farms road, as petitioned for by Michael J. Donlon and others.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of an Automobile Fire Chemical and accessories, also to put the engine house in proper condition for housing same.

ART. 11. To see what action the Town will take towards installing a fire alarm system and appropriate a sum of money for same.

ART. 12. To see what action the Town will take towards extending the sidewalk on the easterly side of Union street, from Rust street to Asbury street, and appropriate a sum of money for same, as petitioned for by Thomas Horan and others.

ART. 13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to appropriating a sum of money for the continuance of the sewing school, as recommended by the Mothers Club.

ART. 14. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will authorize the Selectmen, as their agents, to sell or convey the Town Pound.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate money from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdrafts in the following accounts:

Sealer of Weights and Measures,	\$ .79
Poor Department,	334.09
Tax Abatement account, 1914,	582.81
Total,	\$917.69

ART. 16. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Excess and Deficiency Fund one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the reserve fund.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the compiling and printing a Town valuation book as assessed in the year 1916.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on or after Jan. 1, 1917, from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1917, to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) in the aggregate, and to issue a note or notes therefor.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of observing Decoration Day.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of sections one, two and three of Chapter 655 of the Acts of 1913, and pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use, agreeable to Chap. 25, Section 75, of the Revised Laws.

ART. 22. To determine what time tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due and take any action thereon.

ART. 23. To act on any other matter which may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House, one at the Town Hall, one at the South Hamilton Post Office, in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1916.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,

*Selectmen of Hamilton.*



TOWN OF HAMILTON

# REPORT

OF THE

## Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

## Appropriations and Articles

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 14, 1916



SALEM, MASS. :

BARRY PRINTING COMPANY

1916





*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:—*

Your Committee have examined the financial needs for the maintenance of the various departments of the Town, and to provide for the payments of principal and interest due on bonds and notes for the fiscal year; and have also investigated all requests calling for appropriations of money in the various Articles of the Town Warrant; and, after careful consideration, we make the recommendations given below in this report.

ARTICLE 4.

Under Article 4, salaries and fees for each department, as well as expenses, are included in the appropriation for said department. A complete list of salaries and fees recommended is given on the page following the list of these department appropriations. All salary rates are the same as in 1915, with the addition of a salary for Forest Fire Warden. By vote of the Town in 1914, voting on appropriations for salaries and fees must be by ballot.

To raise and appropriate  
money for:

	Appropriated at two Town Meetings 1915.	Called for by Selectmen 1916.	Recommended by Finance Committee 1916.
Repairs of Highways, etc.	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000
Street Watering or Oiling	2500	3000	2500
Street Lighting	5000	5200	5200
(Including some new lights under Articles 8 and 9)			
	<hr/> \$13,500	<hr/> \$14,200	<hr/> \$13,700

	Appropriated at two Town Meetings 1915.	Called for by Selectmen 1916.	Recommended by Finance Committee 1916.
<i>Brought forward</i>	\$13,500	\$14,200	\$13,700
Road Roller	1000	1000	1000
Guard Rail	100	200	200
Sidewalks	1000	1000	1000
Poor Department	3500	3500	3500
State Aid	700	600	600
Soldiers' Relief	600	600	600
Town Hall	1000	1500	1500
Fire Department	1150	1000	1000
Cemetery	200	200	200
Park Commission	50	125	125
Tree Warden	300	300	300
Selectmen	715	750	750
Assessors	990	1000	900
Treasurer	450	450	450
Collector	450	450	450
Accounting	470	600	550
Town Clerk	300	300	300
Police	1600	1750	1600*
Snow Removal	1500	1500	1000
Board of Health	600	500	500
Finance Committee	25	25	25
Printing Town Reports	200	200	200
Brown-Tail and Gypsy Moth Work	3600	3900	3900
	<hr/> \$34,000	<hr/> \$35,650	<hr/> \$34,350

\*With this appropriation the Finance Committee recommend that the Town shall direct the Board of Selectmen to hold a public hearing on the subject before appointing a Chief of Police.

	Appropriated at two Town Meetings 1915.	Called for by Selectmen 1916.	Recommended by Finance Committee 1916.
<i>Brought forward</i>	\$34,000	\$35,650	\$34,350
Town Hall and School			
house Loans	1980	1980	1980*
Interest on Bonds	400	320	320*
Interest on Tax Loans	1200	1200	1200
Insurance on School-house	—	120	120
Insurance on Town Hall	375	—	—
Boiler insurance	30	30	30
Schools	15,750	15,000	15,150**
Sealer of Weights and			
Measurers	50	150	150
Election and Registration	335	450	450
Moderator	10	10	10
Legal expenses	100	100	100
Bonding officers	135	160	160
Cattle Inspector	50	50	50
Town clock	125	30	30
Public Library	575	650	650
Total	\$55,115	\$55,900	\$54,750

\* From Excess and Deficiency Fund.

\*\* Includes shingling Centre school, \$150.

MEMORANDUM OF SALARIES AND FEES,  
INCLUDED IN ABOVE APPROPRIA-  
TIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4.

Selectmen, Chairman	\$275	Overseers of Poor	
2nd member	200	Chairman	\$ 50
3rd member	200	2nd member	25
Assessors, Chairman	350	3rd member	25
2nd member	150	Registrars, \$40 each	160
3rd member	150	Election officers and	
Treasurer	400	Tellers, \$5 each	185
Collector	400	Moderator	10
Town Clerk, salary	200	Sealer	50
Allowance for			
expenses and fees	100	Forest Fire Warden,	
Town Accountant	500	1914, 1915, 1916,	
Board of Health, Chair-		\$10.	30
man	\$50	Allowance for fees of	
2nd member	25	Cattle Inspector	50
3rd member	25		

Called for by  
Selectmen      Recommended

## ARTICLE 5.

Rust Street extension

\$800

\$800

the work to be done  
by public contract

## ARTICLE 6.

Grading sidewalk on Maple Street 100

100

## ARTICLE 7.

Finishing Gardner Street	300	300
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## ARTICLE 8.

New lights on Woodbury Street

## ARTICLE 9.

New lights on Farms Road

Both Articles 8 and 9 approved.

Cost to be \$148.75, covered by regular appropriation in Article 4.

## ARTICLE 10.

Chemical Fire Engine, outfit and installation

2000 \$2000 to be appropriated from Excess and Deficiency fund.

## ARTICLE 11.

Fire Alarm Signal, electric bell striker and outfit

500 \$500 to be appropriated from Excess and Deficiency fund.

## ARTICLE 12.

Petition received too late for action.

## ARTICLE 13.

Sewing to be taught in Schools.

Approved	120 00	120 00
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## ARTICLE 15

Transfer from Excess and Deficiency fund to meet overdrafts in certain accounts, 1915

Sealer of Weights and Measures,	\$	79	
Poor Department		334	09
Abatement of taxes, 1914		582	81
Total		\$917	69
			\$917 69

## ARTICLE 16

Transfer to Reserve Fund from Excess and Deficiency Fund \$1000	\$1000 00
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## ARTICLE 17

Printing Valuation Book, 1916.	200 00	200 00
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## ARTICLE 18

Borrowing after January 1, 1917, in anticipation of taxes. We recommend authorizing the treasurer to borrow as set forth in this Article of the Warrant.

## ARTICLE 19

Decoration Day observance	50 00	50 00
Total, Articles 5 to 19		\$5,987 69

Grand total of appropriations recommended

From surplus	\$6,717 69
From taxes	54,020 00
From all sources	\$60,737 69

[Corresponding totals in 1915, appropriated in two Town meetings were as follows:

From surplus	\$1,178 04
From taxes	60,425 00
From all sources	\$61,603 04]

Respectfully yours,

REGINALD C. ROBBINS, Chairman,

FRANK P. TRUSSELL,

JESSE S. MANN,

RAYMOND C. GOULD,

LEVERETT A. HASKELL,

*Finance and Advisory Committee,  
Town of Hamilton.*





# SCHOOL REPORT



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF HAMILTON  
1915-1916 .



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## School Committee's Report.

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton for the year 1915-1916.

### ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman,	Term expires 1916
MERRILL S. LOVERING, Secretary,	" " 1918
C. AUGUSTUS NORWORD,	" " 1917

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Purchasing Agent.

ELDRIDGE SMITH, Superintendent to close of last school year.

EDWARD P. FITTS, Superintendent the present school year.

JOHN G. CORCORAN, M. D., School Physician.

The school committee are pleased to submit their annual report to the citizens of the Town for another financial year closing December 31, 1915.

Several changes have been made during the year in the teaching corps, both in the High and in the Elementary schools, but most of our teachers of previous years are still with us.

For lack of a sufficient number of pupils in the West district that school has been closed again this year and the few scholars transported to the South school.

Should there be only a small number of children at the Center at the opening of the next school year, the committee recommends their transportation to the South school.

The North and East schools have a good number of pupils and both schools are in fine condition.

No one can tell now just what problems the committee will have to meet next year.

Should it become necessary to admit quite a large number of scholars to the South school next year, some of the rooms would be over crowded.

On the other hand should the number be not much larger than at the present time they could be cared for another year under the same inconvenient conditions existing now.

This outlook brings us to the consideration of additional schoolroom.

Probably the thing to be done in the best interest of the schools would be the erection of a High school building at some convenient and desirable location, thus separating the High from the Elementary schools.

But the land and a building such as should be constructed, would cost at least forty thousand dollars.

If the population of the Town was increasing rapidly the demand for a new building would be imperative.

In the present uncertainty as to any material increase in our school census, and the high cost of everything now that would be required for a new building, the committee advises the town to wait for further developments which may arise.

In the mean time the committee feels that it is desirable to make selection of, and purchase a suitable lot on which to erect a High school building when it becomes absolutely necessary to have one, and which may possibly be very soon.

The ordinary repairs to the schoolhouses have been made this year without large expenditure of money.

The Center schoolhouse needs to be shingled, and a special appropriation of \$200 should be made for that purpose.

The committee recommends an appropriation for the financial year, January 1st, to December 31, 1916, of \$15,000.

For the work and progress of the schools the committee is pleased to refer to the report of the superintendent, and for the financial matters to the report of the town accountant.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,  
MERRILL S. LOVERING,  
C. AUGUSTUS NORWOOD,

*School Committee.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton,*

GENTLEMEN : —

With all things new to me I can give you my impressions of the Hamilton schools as they have come under my observation for the past few months.

My first impression was the need not only of more room but more rooms. Every child had a seat and more could be provided but my first official act which I knew was not the right thing to do was to break up a fourth grade into two parts when had there been rooms enough these pupils could have all remained together under the same teacher. The way out of the difficulty was to put part of the fourth grade with the fifth grade and put third grade pupils with the fourth.

At the South school there are two rooms having single grades, the first and the eighth, all the others have two each. Whatever arrangement is made, the first grade certainly should be by itself. The entering pupils are so young they need special attention for each individual or progress is exceedingly slow. When they get older and can study by themselves there is need of less attention but it is far better to have one grade in a room with two divisions according to ability. Then the slower ones can receive more attention and the brighter ones can go ahead without hindrance.



Admitting children at five years of age adds an extra burden, for many are too immature to grasp the work and often have to spend two years in accomplishing the work of one which could be easily done by increase of age. It is the opinion of our State authorities that no children should be admitted to the first grade who shall not have reached their sixth birthday on or before the first of January following their entrance and it would be even better to be six years of age at the time of entrance. This is especially desirable in an eight grade system in order that pupils may have proper maturity to grasp high school work with sufficient ease and success.

My second impression is that the High school is too crowded and has not sufficient nor suitable conveniences in the way of room for doing most successful work. The school is growing. It has in actual attendance in December more pupils than were enrolled all last year. Everything seems to have been done which could be with the room at the disposal of the high school. A typewriting room has been partitioned off from the main commercial room, a laboratory has been provided for in the basement far away and hardly suitable for such a purpose. The office is used for a recitation room, small and ill ventilated. And yet with all these handicaps good work is being done but in my opinion much better could be accomplished with better facilities. The South school is an ideal building for an eight grade system having eight comfortable, well lighted and well ventilated rooms. The annex would make a splendid place for manual training in many of its branches. It is in very few respects adapted to high school purposes. My ideal for a high school is first of all to have an assembly room large enough to accomodate

all the pupils at one time. This room to be used only as an assembly room for general exercises and singing, a study room where no recitations are going on, and a place where each pupil may have a separate desk for his books. It should have a commercial room with a typewriting room separated from it by glass partition. A laboratory divided into lecture room, chemical laboratory and physical laboratory. A sufficient number of class rooms and recitation rooms to accommodate all the classes that may need to recite at the same time. Rooms for gymnasium, domestic science and manual training and for teachers. There are many such buildings in our state and the cost is not prohibitive as it can be extended over a series of years and those pay for it who are receiving the benefit.

I am sure others will see the need of something similar to this in Hamilton if they should visit the high school week by week and see six teachers at work teaching English, French, German, Latin, Commercial Arithmetic, Solid Geometry, Plane Geometry, Algebra, U. S. History, Ancient History, Community Civics, Commercial Law, Biology, Elementary Science, Physics, Typewriting, Stenography.

To see the pressing need ought to lead to immediate action at least in securing a lot and plans, for usually such matters move slowly. I am told that if Hamilton had room in her high school Wenham would gladly send her pupils. This would be an added inducement for with more room and the same teaching force more pupils could be cared for and pupils from outside the town would prove an appreciable source of income.

My third impression is that there are too many grades in the outlying schools and not enough pupils in the Center

school to make it profitable to keep such a school when the pupils could be transported to a graded school at much less cost. Think what it means for one teacher to teach seven grades having the same course that the graded schools have with one grade or at most two to a teacher. Is it any wonder that when they come together for final work before entering high school, the difference in the preparation is plainly shown? At the South school there are only eleven in the seventh grade. Should these all get promotion there would not be enough with those who are to be promoted from the outside schools to make an eighth grade sufficiently large to make a good school. Now seems to be a good time to combine the seventh and eighth grades thus relieving the outlying schools of one grade and I am sure with six grades there will be work enough for the strongest teacher.

With more rooms for the grades, with a new high school building, with increased transportation, with a teacher of drawing added to the present corps of teachers great advances might be made in the schools of Hamilton.

For the very cordial reception which has been accorded me, for the evident interest of the women of the town in providing lunches, and sewing classes, for the hearty cooperation of teachers and school officials, for the abundant provision of supplies and up-to-date text books and many other favors my thanks are heartily extended.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. FITTS,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

Hamilton, December 31, 1915.

## Report of the High School Principal.

*To the Superintendent of Schools:—*

I hereby submit my second annual report of Hamilton High School.

The High School opened last September with an enrolment of eighty pupils, this the largest since its organization. The same course of study as was followed last year, has been continued this year, but it is the intention after this year not to have the three year commercial course, as it does not fit any one for active life, nor is it accepted by any of the colleges for which we are preparing students. A copy of the daily program and course of study will be found at the close of this report.

This High School is now approved by the State Board of Education, so that we may send pupils from here to the State Normal Schools, without an examination. By special arrangement, we have the privilege of sending pupils direct to any of the colleges on the New England College Entrance Board, also to Dartmouth and Simmons.

If we are to continue in this privilege, some improvements will have to be made. When the State Board made the approval it was suggested by them that we introduce Manual Training and Domestic Science, stating that unless this was done the approval might be removed. I hope that this may come properly before your attention and that the best interests of the school may be preserved.

I take this opportunity to appeal to the parents and citizens of the town to use your influence for continued

advancement and uplift of the High School. This school is getting to be known outside of Hamilton already. Four of the graduates have entered Dartmouth, one is in Simmons, several have been to other higher institutions such as the Y. M. C. A. College at Boston, and the State Normal School at Salem, and one is in Harvard; but for the school to be able to give its best service a new building is required. This last year it has seemed advisable to employ an assistant for the commercial teacher and one has been secured from the Normal School at Salem. This makes six teachers and only four recitation rooms, as a result two classes have to be held in the same room and one class in the office, which makes it very inconvenient. With a new building this difficulty could be overcome, and also we should be able to have the course in manual Training and Domestic Science.

Penmanship is required of all Commercial students until a diploma is earned, but after June, 1915, no unit will be allowed. This is on account of the fact that higher institutions in the State do not accept the unit in Penmanship and it is our intention to place this school on a standard with other schools. This ruling ought not to discourage any one from taking this course for practice and improvement in the art of writing.

A year's work in each subject constitutes one unit of the course and requires a minimum of 350 periods of instruction, preparation and recitation. A period is 40 minutes long. Passable grades in fifteen such units are required for a diploma.

Greek and Roman History will alternate with English History and Physics with Chemistry.

The number of units credited each year should be such that the diploma may be earned in four years.

Not all subject courses in the program can be given in any one year. It is necessary therefore to know as early as possible what are most desired for the coming year, in order that a program and schedule may be arranged before the close of the present year that will need little or no alteration on the opening of school in September.

No unit will be allowed for a foreign language unless it is taken for two years and then two units will be allowed.

Will the parent or guardian please mark with a cross to the left of each subject course selected for next year? Conflicting periods may interfere with the selection made, but this is much less likely to happen if a provisional choice is made at the present time. Consultation may be needed before the pupil's curriculum can be approved by the Principal. If the Preparatory Course is elected please name the college or normal school for which preparation is desired.

The following interpretation of marks as recommended by the State Board will be adopted beginning with 1915-16. A or B, or a mark of 80 or above, means that the teacher considers the work sufficient value to justify certification to a higher educational institution. C, or a mark of 70 to 79, means that the teacher, in consideration of the effort and progress of the pupil, allows regular credit toward graduation. D, or a mark of 60 to 69, means that the teacher, in consideration of the effort and progress of the pupil, allows half the regular credit towards graduation. (A school may, however, decide not to give such half credit.) E, or a mark of 0 to 59, means that the work receives no credit.

The annual High School graduation is to be given this year at the usual time. Last year at the graduation we had a speaker from away, this year it is the intention to have the exercises consist of speaking from the members of the graduating class.

Class Day exercises were held last year for the first time, and were a success. That exercise will probably be continued. It furnishes an enjoyable occasion to the class and their friends, something that they can look back to with joy and remember in after years. The class is planning on a trip to Washington. The members of the class under the direction of the principal and teachers, have worked hard to earn the required amount of money for them to see the Capital, Owing to the fact that a larger amount than usual is needed and so small an amount was received at the entertainments, it has seemed advisable to send out letters to the townspeople, asking for aid. We hope to have a good response. The trip to the Capitol last year was a success in every way, and we intend to make the one this year just as successful and instructive. This will come about the first of April or during the spring vacation.

Considerable interest has been taken in athletics. Last spring we had a good baseball team, but this year it ought to be still better, as the boys are older and the team will consist of about the same players. The basket ball season this year has been a success, the High School team having won a majority of the games played. This game is the only sport we have in winter and it serves to keep the students in trim during the long winter months. The girls' basket ball team has aroused considerable interest both in school and out. They have played two games with out-of-



town teams, one with Beverly High and the other with Ipswich. Our team was victorious over Beverly, but lost to Ipswich on account of having to contend with more experienced players.

I wish to extend thanks to the teachers who have worked with untiring energy, also to the Superintendent, School Board, parents and citizens, for their counsel, advice and support.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON S. MITCHELL,

*Principal.*

### Report of the Music Supervisor.

*To the Superintendent of Schools:—*

The same amount of time is given this year to the supervision of music in the Hamilton schools as was given last year.

No change whatever has taken place in the district schools, but in the South School a few changes have been made in the arrangement and length of periods.

#### SOUTH SCHOOL.

In the first grade every child receives careful attention. Coarse, throaty tones are discountenanced and stress is put on the use of the light head tones. Though a little training in



simple intervals is given, rote songs form the-basis of the work.

In the second grade rote songs are given throughout the year. After the Christmas recess some study is given to the rudiments of music and a beginning is made in reading music. The reading for the most part is individual, and note is made of the children needing special attention.

In the third and fourth grades the singing is both collective and individual. Graded tonal and rhythmical exercises are given for the training of the ear.

The nature of the work from the fifth grade on, requires collective singing, and only those who need especial attention receive individual training. In these grades part-singing adds interest to the work, and the various technical problems which arise add intellectual zest to the emotional pleasure.

#### DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

At the North and East schools the pupils receive instruction in three divisions. The work done in the first division is similar to that done in the first grade at the South School. In the other divisions an attempt is made to give such instruction that a pupil may hold his own if he is transferred to the South School; but, since grades are combined in these divisions, it is not to be expected that work can be done similar to that done in the respective grades of the South School.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

The music books introduced last year in the High School make it possible for the students of this school to sing, numbers of real musical value, and participation in this singing, will not only train the emotions but will help greatly

in the development of a sense of appreciation of the beautiful.

If a wider acquaintance with the standard compositions of musical literature be desired, a course in Appreciation of Music might well be added to the curriculum.

The kindness of the Superintendent and the hearty co-operation of the teachers evoke grateful acknowledgment and deep-felt appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. STONE.

### Report of the School Physician.

Jan. 1, 1916.

*To the Superintendent of Schools:—*

The work of school physician has been much the same as in former years, consisting of vaccination of new scholars, there being about thirty this year, and the examination of scholars. There was only one epidemic of any consequence, that being measles in the spring.

JOHN G. CORCORAN, M. D.,

*School Physician.*

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**Report of the Attendance Officer.**

*To the Superintendent of Schools:—*

I hereby submit my report as Attendance Officer for the year ending December 31, 1915.

During the past year I have made 40 calls. As a general thing I have found reasonable excuse for their absence, and in most cases have found the parents anxious to have their children keep up their attendance at school. In only a few instances have I found the parents unreasonable and inclined to criticise the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. SMITH,

*Constable.*

# COURSE OF STUDY — HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

## Provisional Program for 1915—1916.

### PREPARATORY COURSE

#### FIRST YEAR

REQUIRED  
English  
Algebra  
Introductory Science  
ELECTIVE  
Latin or French  
Community Civics

### COMMERCIAL COURSE

For Diploma in four or five years

REQUIRED  
English  
Introductory Science  
Community Civics  
ELECTIVE  
Algebra or Arithmetic  
Latin or French

For certificate in three years

REQUIRED  
English  
Arithmetic  
Introductory Science  
Community Civics

### SECOND YEAR

REQUIRED  
English  
Algebra  
ELECTIVE  
Greek and Roman History  
Biology  
Latin or French

REQUIRED  
English  
Introductory Business  
ELECTIVE  
Typewriting  
Stenography  
Bookkeeping  
One course from preparatory list

REQUIRED  
English  
Intro. Business  
Typewriting  
ELECTIVE  
Bookkeeping  
or  
Stenography

### THIRD YEAR

REQUIRED  
English  
Geometry  
ELECTIVE  
Physics  
French or German  
Latin

REQUIRED  
English  
Introductory business  
ELECTIVE  
Typewriting  
Stenography  
Bookkeeping  
One course from preparatory list

REQUIRED  
English  
U. S. History and Civics  
Typewriting  
ELECTIVE  
Bookkeeping (cont.)  
Stenography (cont.)

### FOURTH YEAR

REQUIRED  
English  
U. S. History and Civics  
ELECTIVE  
Physics  
French  
German  
Latin  
Solid Geometry and  
Math. Reviews

REQUIRED  
English  
U. S. History and Civics  
Com. Arithmetic and  
Com. Law.  
ELECTIVE  
Typewriting  
Stenography  
Bookkeeping  
One course from preparatory list

In the diploma course at least two units must be taken in Bookkeeping and two units in consecutive years in stenography. A general course may be laid out in which Algebra and Geometry are not required.

### FIFTH YEAR

REQUIRED  
English

REQUIRED  
English

Any course listed, above not already credited and needed for college entrance, three to be elected.

TIME	TEACHER	SUBJECT	ROOM
8.10 to 8.45	Mr. Mitchell		5
	Miss Gove		1
	Miss Hart	Com. Arithmetic	3
	Miss Russell	French 2 and 3	4
	Miss Knox	U. S. History	2
8.45 to 9.25	Mr. Mitchell	Com. Civics	4
	Miss Gove	English 4	2
	Miss Hart	Bookkeeping 1	3
	Miss Russell	French 2 and 3	1
	Miss Knox	Latin 2	5
9.25 to 10.05	Mr. Mitchell	Solid Geom.	5
	Miss Gove	Geometry	2
	Miss Hart	Common Law	3
	Miss Russell	German 2nd yr.	4
	Miss Knox	Algebra 1	1
10.05 to 10.45	Mr. Mitchell	Biology	1
	Miss Gove	English 1	2
	Miss Hart	Stenography 1	3
	Miss Russell		4
	Miss Knox		5
RECESS.			
11.05 to 11.45	Mr. Mitchell	Elementary Science	4
	Miss Gove		2
	Miss Hart	Bookkeeping 2	3
	Miss Russell	German 1	1
	Miss Knox	Ancient History	5
11.45 to 12.25	Mr. Mitchell	Physics Adv.	1
	Miss Gove	English 2	2
	Miss Hart	Typewriting	3
	Miss Russell	French 2	4
	Miss Knox	Latin 1	1
12.25 to 1.00	Mr. Mitchell		5
	Miss Gove	English 3	2
	Miss Hart	Stenography	3
	Miss Russell	French 1	4
	Miss Knox	Algebra	5

**Teachers.**  

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## HIGH SCHOOL.

Nelson S. Mitchell, Principal.

Marion L. Russell, assistant.

Marion E. Hart, “

Helen J. Knox, “

Louise I. Gove, “

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

Margaret P. Buell, Hazel E. Ramer, Marion G. Fottler,  
Ellen E. Bennett, Mildred F. Wildes, Edith L. Fletcher,  
Nelly G. Cutting.

## CENTER SCHOOL.

Edith M. Anderson.

## NORTH SCHOOL.

Grace C. Stone.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miriam D. Harding

## SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Henry L. Stone.

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**School Census, 1915.**

		Totals
Boys 5 to 7 years of age	33	
Girls 5 to 7 years of age	38	
	<hr/>	71
Boys 7 to 14 years of age	130	
Girls 7 to 14 years of age	123	
	<hr/>	253
Boys 14 to 16 years of age	39	
Girls 14 to 16 years of age	32	
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Total		395
Educational Certificates issued		22
Employment Certificates issued		4
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Total		26

# ATTENDANCE DATA

## September, 1914, to June, 1915

SCHOOL	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PER CENT. ATTENDANCE
Center	25	21.3	20.4	95.
North	27	26.01	24.06	92.3
East	35	26.7	24.2	90.5
South Grades I and II	41	33.7	29.84	79.1
South Grades II and III	40	36.65	34.06	92.5
South Grades III and IV	44	42.9	40.5	94.4
South Grades V and VI	41	39.79	37.75	94.8
South Grades VI and VII	43	40.18	37.87	93.4
South Grade VII	35	33.5	31.7	94.2
High	74	68.54	64.97	94.8



Table showing grades and number in each, December, 1915.

SCHOOLS,	GRADES,												TOTAL.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
North,	3	1	5	4	4	2	6						25
East,	8	8		8			7						31
Center,	3		2		4		3						12
South,	32	20	28	34	29	28	11	34					216
High,								26	14	19	17		76
	46	29	35	46	37	30	27	34	26	14	19	17	360

**Roll of Honor.**

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Pupils neither absent, tardy nor dismissed.

FOR A YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Belle Sanborn

SOUTH SCHOOL.

James McGinley

Robert Nelson

Earl Gobeille

FOR A HALF YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Frederick Thornton

Lester Feener

Furber Libby

Walter Ramsdell

Rudolph Smerage

Richard Smith

William Williams

Grace McGinley

Mary Sculley

Isabelle Glazebrook

Bertha Johnson

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Peter Fraser

Anna Kinsella

Lyndall Miller

Alexina Morrow

Richard McGinley

Edward Pepin

Albert Pepin

Eleanor Sculley

Helen Cross

John Deneen

Selwin Dufton  
Mary Powers  
Thelma Smerage

Bessie McRae  
Dorothy Morrow  
Stanley Anderson

Jessie Price

NORTH SCHOOL.

James Appleton

Martha Pierce

CENTER SCHOOL.

Henry Pfaff  
Rose Gildart

Carl Haraden  
Margaret Gildart

*Submitted by*





